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COMPETITION IN STEEL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel industry of India has been facing stiff competition from other Asian countries;

(b) if so, the countries which have posed a serious threat to the Indian Steel Industry.

(c) whether the Union Government have prepared any action plan for the steel industry in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): There does not exist any serious threat to the Indian steel industry. Low-priced imports, especially of flat products, from South Korea and Taiwan, to some extent have created a disturbance in the Indian domestic markets.

(c)&(d): In a deregulated and decontrolled era, the Government does not have a direct . role in improving the competitive edge of the steel industry. Steel units are expected to devise their own strategy aimed at providing competitive price, quality, products and for developing their market. The Government monitors the general condition within which the industry operates and provides general incentives through the budgetary process and other policy programmes.